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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR
RE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. PRESIDENT DESIRES SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS REPRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER 7,
1977, PANAMA TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY, AND TO OTHER CANAL
USER COUNTRIES WHICH SENT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION AT
THAT TIME AND AFTER SENATE APPROVAL. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE
OBJECTION, PLEASE DELIVER AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: WITH APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES
SENATE OF THE TWO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977, AND
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA,
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN NOW INITIATE A NEW COOPERATIVE
RELATIONSHIP IN OPERATING AND PROTECTING THE CANAL AS
THE TREATIES PROVIDE.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE OF
APRIL 19 AS WELL AS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AS WE HAVE

MOVED TOWARD THIS HAPPY RESULT. YOUR SUPPORT HAS CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM, TO IMPROVED WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, TO THE FACILITATION OF WORLD COMMERCE, AND

THUS TO WORLD PEACE.

YOUR BEST WISHES WERE ALSO PASSED TO ME VIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS WHEN YOUR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF VISITED WASHINGTON APRIL 20 AND 21. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS, AND I AM HAPPY THAT THE VISIT OF YOUR JOINT CHIEFS WENT SO WELL. I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING WITH ITS SCHEDULE TO RETURN ECUADOR TO A FULLY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

3. THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN A PRESS RELEASE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO A RELEASE BY PRESIDENT POVEDA. CHRISTOPHER

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